

<p>WHAT'S ON</p> <p>Nazrul Birth Anniversary Programme Title: "Aninditar Thakurdar Jhuli" by Anindita Kazi Venue: IGCC Auditorium, H-35, Rd-24, Gulshan-1 Date: May 20; Time: 6:30pm</p>	<p>Tagore Paintings Exhibition Venue: Nalini Kanta Bhattacharya Gallery, Bangladesh National Museum Date: May 14-31; Time: 11am-5pm</p>	<p>Spoken Word Slam Space Slam Organiser: Ampersand Venue: Jatra Biroti Date: May 21; Time: 7pm</p>	<p>Art Exhibition Art Makes us Human Artist: Najib Tareque Venue: Studio 6/6, Mohammadpur Date: May 15-25; Time: 4-10pm</p>	<p>Art Exhibition Intimate Fears Artist: Anisuzzaman Sohel Venue: Bengal Art Lounge Date: May 7-June 4 Time: 12-8pm</p>
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Aynabaji scores well at CANNES FILM FESTIVAL



Amitabh Reza flanked by Ziauddin Adil (L) and Gaosul Alam Shaon (R).

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladeshi film "Aynabaji" was screened yesterday at Grey Theatre Hall at the 69th edition of Cannes Film Festival. The director of the film Amitabh Reza along with producer of the film Ziauddin Adil and script writer and actor Gaosul Alam Shaon has joined the festival. Content Matters

Limited has produced the film while Half Stop Down Limited has made the film. Film aficionados from USA, UK, India, Romania, Turkey and other countries were visible at the screening of the film. Besides, film directors, producers and investors from around the world too were present, "Aynabaji" has so far been invited for screenings in Canada,

Iran and Cairo straight from the Cannes Film Festival. "Film making is a collective initiative and involves lots of creative effort. Going by the appreciation of the viewers, I can certainly say that our team has done a very good job," said Amitabh Reza. Aynabaji is a film about an actor called Ayna. Gifted with a natural talent for acting, he can morph into any role.

One of the crucial aspects of this film is the dark side of Dhaka's metro life. The movie stars Chanchal Chowdhury and TV host Nabila playing the female lead in the film. Gausul Alam Shaon, who penned the script, has also donned a key role in the film. Seasoned actor Sohel Rana and singer Partha Barua also share screen space with Chanchal and Nabila.



Nazrul artiste, researchers to be honoured

AMINUL ISLAM, Mymensingh

The authorities of Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University (JKKIUI) in Trishal will honour three personalities with "Nazrul University Sammanona" for their contribution to Nazrul Sangeet and research. Those honoured are Professor Mahbulul Haque of Bengali Department of Chittagong University for Nazrul research; Nazrul artiste Khairul Anam Shakil for Nazrul Sangeet; and Nazrul researcher Azhar Uddin Khan of India, according to university sources said. They will be honoured on May 27, the conclusion of the three-day Nazrul celebrations on the campus marking the 117th birth anniversary of the bard. The JKKIUI has been honouring eminent personalities since 2009 for their valuable contribution to Nazrul.



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CHIT-CHAT

Just want to hold on to music ... Luipa

SHAH ALAM SHAZU

Luipa, one of the new-gen singers of the country, has had a passion for music since her childhood. After she came up fourth in a popular musical talent hunt show she hasn't had to look back, and many doors have opened up for her. In a recent chit-chat with The Daily Star, the singer talked about music and more. Excerpts:

How did you develop a passion for music?
 Luipa: In my childhood my teacher came to teach me music at our Bogra home. During my school days, I received a number of awards in musical competitions: National Child Award Competition, National Education Week Prize, Notun Kuri Completion 2000 and Shapla Kuri. I also travelled to Japan and Nepal as a child artiste.

As an adult, how did your career take off?
 Luipa: I came into the spotlight after securing fourth position at Channel i Shera Kontho 2010. Since then, I have been busy with music. I'm still learning, though, under the guidance of Priyanka Gope.

How rewarding is it to be a live performer?
 Luipa: After at Channel i Shera Kontho, I became very busy with stage shows, and it has taken me to some fantastic places. I have travelled to France, Spain, Qatar, Lebanon, Dubai, Singapore, Malaysia and Japan, and that has been a very rewarding experience.

What is your take on playback singing?
 Luipa: I love singing playback because when a film song becomes a hit, people are humming it everywhere; that counts as a great success for any singer. I have done playback for films, and want to do more in coming days.

Who do you draw your artistic inspiration from?
 Luipa: Nilufar Yasmin, Sabina Yasmin, Runa Laila, Sahnaz Rahmatullah and Samina Chowdhury. Our country has such extraordinary singers, I don't have to look far for inspiration.

Do you do anything besides singing?
 Luipa: I have hosted some TV programmes for Channel i, Rtv and Asian TV, but I have put all that aside; I just want to hold on to music.

Tagore numbers at Chhayanaut's Srotar Ashor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent Rabindra Sangeet artistes Pramita Mallick of Kolkata, India and Laisa Ahmed Lisa performed at a musical soiree, titled "Srotar Ashor". The event was held at Chhayanaut auditorium on May 16. The artiste duo rendered 12 songs of 40 numbers that Kobiguru wrote on his sojourns abroad. Laisa Ahmed Lisa set off the event with songs like "Probhu, Toma Lagi", "Takhon Tumi Chhile Na Mor Shongey" and "Ke Boshiley Aji Hridoyashoney" while Pramita Mallick performed songs such as "Pran Bhoirye Trisha Horiye", "Pran-e Khushir Tufan Uttechhe", "E Monihar Amaye" and "Chhutir Banshi Bajlo".

Pramita Mallick is the foremost exponent of Rabindra Sangeet in India. Born and raised in Shantiniketan, she trained in Rabindra Sangeet under Tagore's direct disciple Sri Shantidev Ghosh and other eminent gurus like Kanika Bandopadhyay, Nilima Sen,



Pramita Mallick (L) and Laisa Ahmed Lisa perform at the soiree.

Bishwajit Ray. After moving on to Kolkata, she received further training from Subinoy Roy, Suchitra Mitra and Subhash Chowdhury. Born in a family of musicians, Laisa Ahmed Lisa was initiated into music by

her father, late Dr. Mafiz Uddin Ahmed. Subsequently, she received training in Rabindra Sangeet from Waheedul Haq and Sanjida Khatun. Ustad Amaresh Roy Chowdhury and Ustad Rabiul Hussain were Lisa's mentors in



Hindustani Classical Vocal Music. She is a teacher of Rabindra Sangeet at Chhayanaut, member of Anandadhvani and a member of the Central Committee of Jatiya Rabindrasangeet Sammelan Parishad.



PHOTO: STAR

Gallery Twenty One to honour Artist Kanak Chanpa Today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Renowned visual artist Kanak Chanpa Chakma has won Bangladesh National Film Award 2014 for best costume design and make-up for the film "Jonakir Alo", directed by her husband late Khalid Mahmood Mithu.

To celebrate the occasion and to honour Kanak Chanpa, Gallery Twenty One has arranged a reception at its premises in

Dhanmondi today at 6 pm. Eminent artist and cultural personality Mustafa Manwar will be present as chief guest.

Kanak Chanpa Chakma is a Bangladeshi Chakma artist who has won national and international awards, and is renowned for her paintings depicting the lives of Bangladeshi ethnic minorities, focusing on the lives of women while combining semi realistic and abstract in the same canvas.

HARLEY QUINN spinoff in the works

Warner Bros. and DC Entertainment are developing a new standalone movie featuring an all-star cast of female DC heroes and villains with Margot Robbie attached to reprise her role of Harley Quinn.

Robbie will also produce the film, which will not only feature Quinn, but popular characters such as Batgirl and Birds of Prey also making appearances. Who exactly will be considered the lead opposite Robbie is still unknown. Exact plot details are also unknown currently.

Robbie will first appear as Quinn in "Suicide Squad" opposite Will Smith and Jared Leto. Though the film doesn't bow until August, Robbie has already garnered attention for her performance as the fan-favourite character, which studio had always seemed interested in spinning off to other movies.

One of the most popular characters in the DC Comics Universe. Harley Quinn is the Joker's frequent accomplice and lover, and also an ally to the supervillain Poison Ivy. Her origin story relates that she met the Joker while working as a psychiatrist at Arkham Asylum, where the Joker was a patient.

Robbie has not only "Suicide Squad" debuting this summer, but also "Legend of Tarzan" coming out in July, where she will star as Jane opposite Alexander Skarsgard.

Source: Variety

